

State Health Services Council Stakeholder Meeting on 2014-2015 Legislative Appropriations Request

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Robert E. Moreton Building, M-739 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas June 14, 2012

Minutes

Council Members Present

Dr. Kirk Calhoun - Tyler

Dr. Lewis Foxhall - Houston

Dr. Jacinto Juarez - Laredo

Rev. William Lovell - Dallas

Dr. Jeffrey Ross, Vice-Chair – Houston

Dr. David Woolweaver – Harlingen

Council Members Not Present

Glenda Kane, Chair – Corpus Christi Beverly Barron – Odessa Nasruddin Rupani – Sugar Land

Visitors

John Carbona – Biolife Cell Bank

Joe Lovelace – Texas Council of MHMR Centers

Contors

Eduardo Olivarez – Texas Association of Local

Health Officials (TALHO)

Bing Burton - TALHO

Colleen Horton – Hogg Foundation

Ginny Stafford – Association of Substance

Abuse Providers (ASAP)

Lisa Poynor - ASAP

Kathi Seay – Representative Simpson's Office

James Gray – American Cancer Society

Nancy Fisher – Texas Strategies

Denise Rose – Texas Hospital Association

Neal Nolan – GOVantage

Tom Valentine – TXInsight.com

Janet Mitchell - ASAP

Kathryn Lewis – Disability Rights Texas

Cathey Brown - ASAP

Cynthia Humphrey – ASAP

Nancy Walker – Representative Naishtat's office

Douglas Denton - Homeward Bound/ASAP

John Seago – Texas Right to Life

G.K. Sprinkle – Texas Ambulance Association

Lynn Nolan – GOVantage

Julie Wisdom-Wild

Eric Woomer – Federation of Texas Psychiatry

Belinda Carlton – Texas Council for

Developmental Disabilities

Leonard Kincaid - Council on Alcohol and

Drugs

K. J. Stewart, MD

 $Josette\ Saxton-Texans\ Care\ for\ Children$

Lauren Dimitry – Texans Care for Children

Randy Cain

Ronnie Walker – ViiV Healthcare

Terry Cowan - ASAP

Amy Granbury – Charlie's Place

Luune Delong

Katice Colba – Childrens Defense Fund

Nawal Traigh - Childrens Defense Fund

Sue Milam – National Association of Social

Workers-Texas

Bill Bailey – Cenikor Foundation

Randall Ellis – Texas Legislature

Mark Vane – Gardere

Gary Conwell – Aspire Hospital

Brian Neal – Aspire Hospital

Justin Henderson – TOA

Kathy Erksten – CHAT

Emily Babcock – Texas Medical Association

Chirsty Havell – Legislative Budget Board

Daniel Calhan - J&J

Jordan Head – Senate Health and Human

Services Committee

Laura Matz – March of Dimes

Brent Baylor – Texas Hospital Association

Joel Romo – American Heart Association

Elizabeth Hade – Scott and White

Stevie Hansen – MHMR of Tarrant

County/ASAP

RA Fields – Texas Medicaid and Healthcare

Partnership

Brittani Bilse – self

Janis Reinken – Representative Ruth Jones

McClendon's office

Clifford Gaye – self

Gyl Switzer – Mental Health America - Texas

Call to Order – Dr. Ross, Vice-Chair of the State Health Services Council, called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m.

1. Briefing on 2014-2015 Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) – Commissioner David Lakey and Chief Financial Officer, Bill Wheeler provided a briefing on the 2014-2015 LAR. Dr. Lakey provided an overview of the agency services, a comparison of the current biennium vs. the prior biennium, current year initiatives and issues. Bill Wheeler outlined the LAR timeline. The LAR is due August 16, and there will be a hearing on the LAR in September of 2012. Dr. Lakey described the Exceptional Item approach and the priorities that DSHS will be pursuing: maintain services, ensure federal and state compliance, and move health forward. All state agencies have been asked to identify where they can take a ten percent general revenue reduction approach. Dr. Lakey outlined the approach that DSHS will be considering to reach a ten percent reduction, and the effect that the reduction of federal funding and health care reform will have on DSHS. The complete presentation can be found at www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agenda.shtm.

The council members had the following comments and questions.

Dr. Calhoun – Were the priorities ranked or are they equally considered? Priority order

Dr. Calhoun – Would statute come first since that is required?

Dr. Ross – Will we be trying to re-fund tobacco prevention

Dr. Calhoun – How much of DSHS budget is covered by fee increases?

Dr. Ross – Are there any other fees or uses that can be considered to maintain services?

- 2. Public Comment on LAR Dr. Ross asked for public comment. Public comment provided by:
 - Clifford Gay Return on investment of taxpayer dollars for a transparent, cost-effective, and accountable system of care. Move away from medical model and drug interventions for treatment of mental health and substance abuse toward peer counseling and psycho-social intervention. Create a cost effective recovery-based system of care.
 - Joe Lovelace Texas Council of Community Centers Increased mental health funding, investments in community-based services, veterans mental health funding

- Eduardo Olivares TALHO, Hidalgo County Health official. Ten percent reduction in state health services is not acceptable. Need funding for tuberculosis prevention and treatment.
- Bing Burton Director, Denton County Health Department and Past President of TALHO Supports local health department bundling initiative, Healthy Babies initiative, obesity prevention, tuberculosis treatment funding, tobacco-related services, and immunizations.
- Kathryn Lewis Staff Attorney, Disability Rights of Texas Funding to comply with forensic capacity lawsuit, eliminate mental health waitlists, ensure continued access to new generation medications in state hospitals, peer support and peer certification funding, maximize federal funds and expand youth empowerment services (YES) waiver to other parts of state.
- Cathey Brown ASAP Increased funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment.
- Colleen Horton Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Mental health delivery system funding, certification and employment of peer specialists, consumer-directed services, expansion of YES waiver, prevent child relinquishment to get mental health services, relocation and transition services for people coming out of mental health hospitals, outpatient competency restoration services, inadequacy of mental health funding.
- G. K. Sprinkle Texas Ambulance Association Consider adding exceptional item for increasing EMS regulation and personnel.
- Douglas Denton Vice President, ASAP: Executive Director Homeward Bound Denton Substance abuse funding, increase payment rates.
- Julie Wisdom-Wild ASAP, CEO Alpha Home, San Antonio Substance abuse funding, ten percent cut is not acceptable.
- Leonard Kincaid Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Houston Funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment services.
- Josette Saxton Texans Care for Children Funding for mental health issues for children, school health programs, suicide prevention and adolescent health, peer certification, YES waiver expansion, systems of care support in state.
- Lisa Poyner ASAP; CEO Fort Bend Council on Substance Abuse Funding for smoking cessation, obesity, substance abuse disorder treatment.
- Ginny Stafford CEO, Midcoast Family Services Prevention and intervention services for children and families, substance abuse treatment funding for chronically homeless men with mental health and physical issues, funding for wrap around services, funding for substance abuse treatment services.
- Belinda Carlton Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities Funding for Children with Special Health Care Needs and Epilepsy Program, expand funding for YES waiver and school health program; expand funding for behavioral and mental health and substance abuse services and adult mental health services.
- Bill Bailey Cenikor Foundation, ASAP Drug and alcohol services and substance abuse funding and rate increase for service providers.
- Brian Neal CEO, Aspire Hospital, Conroe, Texas Mental health service funding and expansion, reduce waiting lists for mental health patients, address shortage of mental health workers, expansion of outpatient mental health treatment and telemental health services.
- Gyl Switzer Mental Health America of Texas Funding for community mental health, prevention, home visitation, suicide prevention, peer programs, housing. Supports recommendation of PCG report and draft options; need to be as efficient as possible with limited funding. Enterprise LAR workgroups should include consumer and advocates. Transparency from DSHS.

- James Gray American Cancer Society Supports tobacco prevention program and breast and cervical cancer program, would like to see continued investment in obesity prevention and smoking cessation programs.
- Stevie Hanson ASAP, Chief of Addiction and Veterans Services for MHMR in Tarrant County Substance abuse treatment funding.
- Randall Ellis Legacy Community Heath Services Increase in HIV care and prevention funding, support and expansion of HIV medication program.
- Joel Romo American Heart Association Tobacco prevention awareness funding, obesity prevention funding, Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease support.
- Terry Cowan ASAP Support for workers assistance program, substance use disorder funding.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Juarez, seconded by Reverend Lovell.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved:

Glenda Kane, Chair

September 6, 2012

Date